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AICOCK Monthly Activities Report
15 July - 14 August 1954

REF: SGAA 10887, 20 July 1954

Headquarters' Action Required

None - for information and files.

Synopsis

1. AICOCK advised of his termination.
2. AICOCK cleared of charges of pressuring former agents for operational information.

Account of Developments

1. AICOCK continued to visit AIKERF in Athens regularly with his routine reports on arrivals and departures from Lavrion.

2. As RNPENMAN's arrival has been postponed temporarily because of visa difficulties, the writer informed AIKERF and Groundstock on 2 August we could wait no longer for RNPENMAN's concurrence and stated AICOCK would be terminated as of 31 August because we no longer had a need for his services as the welfare fund had ceased to exist. I added that I expected that AIKERF would continue to furnish statistics on the camp complement, and we would obtain any needed information through AIKERF or from other sources. The basis for our action was clearly understood by the local HTNEIGH representatives though they regretted the move came at a time when AICOCK was under fire from camp inmates and the Greek authorities.

3. AICOCK was subsequently advised by ☐ ☐ and ☐ ☐ on 9 August of termination which did not come as a surprise to him and was taken very well. He did request that he be permitted to live outside of the camp in Villia with his brother in the future, but has withdrawn this request as his brother will not support him and because anti-AICOCK sentiment has subsided in Lavrion. At this meeting the charge was put to AICOCK that from a variety of sources including Greek channels we had been advised he was threatening certain Legatits to extract operational

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information in their possession. As expected AICOCK stoutly denied this and urged us to investigate this charge, as he did not wish to leave our employ with a black mark on his escutcheon. Our reply was that we were about to launch such an investigation as we regarded the matter as a very serious thing. RNADUANA as AICOCK's party whip was also advised of his termination and these charges on 10 August, and he urged investigation on our part which we had already initiated.

4. Before the end of the report period we determined from interviews with RNDEPLOY that AICOCK had not pressured him for information at all but RNDEPLOY had raised the charge because he was fearful AICOCK would. RNDEPLOY did not, however, admit what prompted him to go off on this tangent or make the charges at this time. This admission permits us to make a stand for AICOCK with ☐ ☐ whose Lavrion C.O. wanted him moved to Syros and makes for a satisfactory parting with this employee.

5. A final report on AICOCK will be filed in mid-September.

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